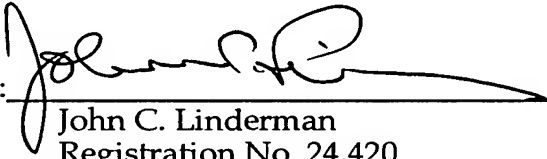


## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment be made to the above-identified United States National Stage patent application. The proposed changes are requested to put the present application in form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the phone number listed below. While Applicant believes no fees are due with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge any deficiencies in fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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